

Issue 9: INSIDER'S EDGE: The Countdown Is On!

Welcome back, Insiders. The countdown is on! No, I'm not talking about the countdown to the Labor Day holiday this weekend. (Although I hope everyone has something fun planned!) There are only **34 days** to go until [Maryland Health Connection](#) goes live and opens for enrollment!

Here's the Insider's Edge on what to expect in the coming weeks:

34 DAYS AND COUNTING UNTIL MARYLAND HEALTH CONNECTION OPENS!

Beginning of September	Media campaign launch to educate the public about health reform in Maryland.
Mid to Late September	Current PAC recipients notified they will receive full Medicaid benefits effective January 1, 2014.
Mid-September through October	Trainings held for Caseworkers, Assistors, and Navigators.
OCTOBER 1, 2013	MARYLAND HEALTH CONNECTION GOES LIVE AND OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS (MAGI RULES USED FOR APPLICATIONS BEGINNING OCTOBER 1).
January 1, 2014	Healthcare coverage obtained through Maryland Health Connection is effective January 1, 2014. PAC recipients automatically enrolled in HealthChoice in their current MCO.
March 31, 2014	Maryland Health Connection open enrollment ends for Quality Health Plans (QHPs). (Individuals will be able to apply for Medicaid coverage using Maryland Health Connection any time, not just during open enrollment.)